Vice President-elect Charles W. Fairbanks returned to Washington this week a new, full-fledged and enthusiastic Master Mason. The occasion of his initiation was a notable Masonic event in the hoosier capital. He received the three degrees of entered apprentice, fellowcraft and Master Mason on the same day, under dispensation from the grand master of Masons of Indiana. The first and second degrees were conferred in the afternoon in the hall of Oriental Lodge of Indianapolis, and the third, or Master Mason's, degree in the Scottish Rite Temple there. This last degree work was witnessed by a large audience of the most prominent public men and Masons, nearly 1,500 turning out to do honor to the dis-

tinguished Masonic fledgling. Since his return to Washington the Vice President - elect has been overwhelmed with congratulations from newfound fraternal friends. He was greatly surprised to learn that more than one-half of the members of the distinguished body over which he is to preside after the 4th of March are members of the Ma-sonic fraternity. This is believed to be the first instance in which a President or Vice President or President-elect or Vice President-elect has received the impressive Masonic degrees. President Roosevelt received them while governor of New York.

Grand Chancellor Thomas A. Bynum has announced the selection of Grand Lecturer Claude H. Woodward to fill the vacancy in the office of grand prelate, occasioned by the death of Grand Prelate Henry Yenney of the domain of the District of Columbia, who had filled the station with honor and dignity for a period of eighteen years. The appointment of Mr. Woodward, which covers the brief period until an election at the convention of the Grand Lodge, which begins on February 20, 1905, was unanimously concurred in by the Grand Lodge officers.

Rathbone Temple, No. 1. Rathbone Sisters, reports having had a successful year in the fraternal field occupied by organiza-tions of ladies. The Rathbone Sisters having been recognized by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at the session at Louisville, Ky., as an independent auxiliary, it is expected that fresh impetus will be given to the work of the Sisters for this reason. Many accessions to the local temple have been made as a result of this recognition. All the officers of the present Grand Lodge line have placed their names as honorary members on the roll of Rathbone Temple

Friday evening the temple was paid a fraternal visit by Grand Chancellor Thomas A. Bynum and Grand Lodge officers, who were given a cordial welcome and enter-tained at a banquet in the new Pythian Temple, which is now the home of the organization. The new officers of Rathbone mple for 1905 are as follows: Past Chief, Mrs. G. W. Boynton; most excellent chief, Miss Mollie Steiner; excellent senior, Miss Mary Murray; excellent junior, Mrs. A. J. Devid; manager, Mrs. Clara Quackenbush; mistress of records and correspondence, Mrs. David Hardester; mistress of finance, Mrs. T. A. Bynum; protector, Miss Alice Ewing; outer guard Mrs. Leo Rullmann.

The installation of officers of the various Pythian lodges of the District will occur the first meeting night of the subordinate lodge officers assignments of installing officers were made, and credentials issued by the grand chancellor. Capital Lodge, No. 24, and Franklin Lodge, No. 2, will have public installations on January 3 and Janu-ary 5 respectively. Both of these lodges meet in the Pythian Temple.

The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, of Washington, which took part in the re-cent jubilee and constituted a guard of honor under the command of Capt. Richand T. Whiting, has received many compliments for the excellent movements and the fine showing made on each evening the third rank was presented. The drill squad was made up of members of Washington was made up of members of Washington and Coldwell companies and under the di-rection of their able and experienced com-mander made their part of the work a distinet success in a noteworthy Pythian

Myrtle Lodge, No. 25, Knights of Pythias, has elected the following representatives to the Grand Lodge: Grand chan-cellor, Thomas A. Bynum, H. T. Adams, H. E. Smith, Frank B. Crown and Jacob

Century Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias will hold a house-warming at its new castle hall in the Pythian Temple Monday evening.

Joseph T. Coldwell Company, No. 7, of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythlas, celebrated its occupancy of the armory in the new Pythian Temple, Thursday evening, with a house-warming, at which a large number of members of the com-pany and visitors were present. Capt. Thomas E. Landon of No. 7 presided, and congratulated the company upon securing such commodious and comfortable quarters, and predicted great success for his company. He then introduced Col. Harry Cog-gins. Past Grand Chancellor W. M. Hodges, Past Supreme Representative J. B. Conner, Grand Chancellor Thomas A. Bynum, and Capt. John W. Hardell of Nelson Com-pany, all of whom spoke on the welfare of Uniform Rank and the order. Refresh-

At the meeting of Beacon Lodge, No. 15, O. O. F., Monday night the following offi-cers were elected for the ensuing term: Noble grand, Thomas R. Hellmuth; vice grand, William J. LaVarre; recording secretary, Joseph R. Fague (fifth term); finan-cial secretary, J. W. Colley (twentieth term); treasurer, E. W. Bradford (fifth term). The installation of the newly elected officers will take place in the auditorium of Odd Fellows' Hall on Tuesday evening, Janwary 3, at the joint public installation of all lodges of the District of Columbia by the officers of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F This joint installation will be a novel and unique ceremony, never before witnessed in this Odd Fellow jurisdiction.

Covenant Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., elected officers for the ensuing term Thursday evening, as follows: Noble grand, J. E. Chamberlain; vice grand, W. C. Barr; secretary, W. E. Clapp; financial secretary, J. W. Brewer; treasurer, C. W. Chamberlain. W. Brewer; treasurer, C. W. Chamberlain.
The noble grand-elect announced the following appointments; Warden, H. E. Angell; conductor, W. F. Burns; R. S. to N. G., Ezra Troth; O. G., R. B. Humphreys; I. G., Jos. Clark; L. S. to N. G., J. K. Johnson; R. S. S., W. C. Lenz; L. S. S., W. G. Berg; chaplain, J. M. Pruett. The vice grand-elect appointed W. Chamberlain and H. Ehrlich as his supporters. The sitting past grand is C. W. Sherjer.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,

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Christmas holidays exceeded very materially in numbers the Philadelphians is regarded by hotel men as a notable indication of the city's growth in popularity as past grand is C. W. Sherjer.

Fred D. Stuart Encampment, No. 7, L O. O. F. elected officers for the ensuing term Tuesday evening as follows: Chief pairi-arch, H. W. Selah; high priest, J. L. Irwin, past grand patriarch; senior warden, W. E. Graves; junior warden. Elwyn Greene; scribe, G. L. Clayton; treasurer, J. K.

Grand Secretary Arvine W. Johnston of the Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M., has received holiday greetings from many of his brother grand secretaries of other jurisdictions. One of the most unique was the one coming from a western grand secretary. It was a large-sized pasteboard card, suitable for 'a-hangin' on the wall," on which were quaintly worked the figures of six China men. The heads were halved hickory nuts, the bodies of brightly colored paper and the long queues were of real hair. The decorative effect is something unusual. With the present came the greeting, "Six Chinamen to wait on you!" Franchis Chinamen to wait on you!" From Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder Charles A. Conover of Michigan, whose father held the same office many years, came a pretty red pamphlet containing the secretary's portrait and the sentiment "Health and happiness attend you and the whole wide

orld befriend you."
Many other grand secretaries also sent greeting to their Washington colleague. This exchange of courtesies is becoming a leasant feature of the holiday season on the part of many grand secretaries.

Dawson, Arminius, Federal, Acacia, Ta-koma and Harmony lodges, F. A. A. M., all 'called off' for holiday week.

Past Master W. K. Wheeler of Doric Grand Rapids, Mich., who is in his ninetieth year, recently conferred the third

at the expense of several eminent sir knights of this jurisdiction;
"Yes," said the Grizzled and Gray Sir Knight, "I once had an ambition to be a member of the hoss commandery, but—"
"But not being a butcher or a baker, you didn't own a horse," suggested a Skittish Young Tampler. Young Templar. "Now, I wouldn't say anything as mean as that," resumed the old one. "No, the usual combination of friends and associa-

soldiers, and on at least one occasion have been glad that it is as it is." "What was that?" asked the youngster.
"Did you charter a horse to see if you could ride one?"
"Nope; I rode horses all through my young days and had no fears on that score, though I might have needed a little practice.

tions steered me into the ranks of the walk

tice and a little seasoning of the parts that usually get sore for new riders. usually get sore for new riders.

"The occasion I refer to was the laying of the corner stone of the Ruppert Home, somewhere the other side of Anacostia, which I attended as a member of the Grand Lodge. On account of the great distance we went in carriages, of course, and our escort was De Molay Commandery. All went smooth until after the ceremony was over, when Grand Master Harry Standiford said to Col. Thomas P. Morgan, who was assistant grand marshal, and as such was mountant grand marshal, and as such was mount-ed: 'Tom, set a pretty good pace on the return trip. I have a business engagement down in the city for which I am already

"'Ay, ay, sir!' said Morgan, putting on that Schley-at-Santiago look which he wore while impersonating the great naval hero at the Louisville triennial conclave.

"The procession began to move. The streets of Appropriate and approach!"

streets of Anacostia, and especially the roads beyond, are not all asphalted, and even in carriages we felt like the artillerymen look on the calssons while going into action on the double-quick that you some-times see in great paintings. William T. Galliher was on his celebrated White-eyed Terror, and Morgan could not set a pace that was too hot for him. We had almost reached the bridge, when William F. Gude, who was on the staff of Eminent Command-er Robert Cook, succeeded in catching up with Colonel Morgan.
"'In the name of the prophet, Morgan'-

Gude was then in training for the poten-tateship of Almas Temple—'in the name of the prophet! he begged, let up on this pace! You have ridden De Molay Commandery to a finish. They are scattered all over Anacostia, and you couldn't throw a base ball from one to another of them. Calm yourself until we have time to collect our command."
"There is glory enough for all, said Mor-

gan, as he reined in his foaming steed, and the remainder of the return was made at a speed with which even a mounted com-

mandery could keep up.
"As I saw the sir knights rubbing their tender places after dismounting at the tem-ple I was glad that I had been sidetracked into a company of infantry.

At the meeting of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, the oldest Pythian lodge in the world, held in Pythian Temple Thursday evening, the following officers were elected: Chancellor commander, R. G. Merryman; vice chancellor, Perry Patrick; prelate, C. E. Palmer; M. of W., George Ryall; K. of R. and S., Thomas Adams; M. of E., W. H. G. Simmons; M. of F., Milo Quackenbush; M. at A., Charles M. Eader; inner guard, W. H. Scrivener; outer guard, Edward Knight. Representatives to the Grand Lodge-Edward Dunn, George Ryall, W. H. G. Simmons, Charles H. Fletcher, Claude H. Wood-ward. A committee is arranging for the public installation, which will take place Thursday evening, January 5.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 14, K. of P., held a large and enthusiastic meeting Tuesday evening preparatory to leaving the old hall where they have met for so many years for the new Pythian Temple. The lodge also elected the following named officers to serve the ensuing term: C. W. Jones, C. C.; N. B. Wigginton, V. C.; Morton Wood, P.; John L. Neeb, M. of the W.; B. F. Evans (re-elected), K. of R. and S.; J. B. Conner (re-elected), M. of F.; H. J. Gasson (re-elected), M. of E.; C. A. Young, M. at A.; B. A. Duke, inner guard; W. A. Wilding, outer guard; representatives to Grand Lodge, H. Coggins, H. J. Gasson, J. B. Conner, E. B. Hedgman, Joseph F. Beck; representative to relief bureau, Jos. F. Beck.

elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

W. H. Childress, C. C.; E. G. Seidlich,
V. C.; J. W. Bradbury, P.; G. T. Matthews,
M. of W.; H. Kahlert, M. of E.; C. W.
Banks, M. of F.; D. Childress, K. of R. and
S.; B. Endres, M. at A.; Robert Kines, I.
G.; L. B. Nye, O. G.; A. Kahlert, J. G. McQueen, William Kienle, trustees; L. B. Nye,
J. W. Bradbury, D. C. Childress, A. Kahlert, J. G. McQueen, representatives of G. follows:

lert, J. G. McQueen, representatives of G. L.; C. W. Banks, relief bureau. The installation of these officers will occur Friday, January 6, 1905, at the new Pythian Temple, No. 1210 9th street north-

At the last meeting of Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., the usual prepara-tions for observing the festive season of the year were made. This lodge, now nearly thirty years old, is proud to number among its members six of the charter members, viz., Mrs. Margaret McCutchen, Mrs. Georgia Burch, Mrs. Mary E. McLean, Mrs. Margaret A. Giles, Mrs. Maria A. Whitmore and William P. Allan. To each of the five ladies the lodge sent a handsome basket of fruit, and to the orphans of deceased members of the lodge Christmas gifts were

The installation of the officers of Naomi Lodge has been set for January 9, 1905, and Mrs. Nettie Tyng of Martha Washington Rebekah Lodge. No. 3, has been appointed as the installing officer by the grand master, W. H. McNiel.

Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, F. A. A. M., has dispensed with the stated communication of January 2 and will hold a special on January 9, when the E. A. degree will be

ATLANTIC CITY NOTES

AN UP-TO-DATE CHRISTMAS TREE AND FIXINGS.

Others Set Up in Sun Parlors to Look Pretty From the Out-

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a winter resort. "There is this to be said about it," said one today while discussing the preponderance of Gothamites and New England visitors during the quietest months of the year. We have the Philadelphians coming and going at all times. and they are always to be depended upon at Easter and in midsummer. What we want is to encourage travel from other points to fill in during the winter, and eventually make Atlantic City's patronage profitable from January to December."

The most uniquely decorated Christmas tree is that of the police pension fund at the city hall. The tall cedar is literally covered with long strings of paper money representing the Christmas contributions of representing the Christmas contributions of friends of the bluecoats. All told the greenbacks represent more than \$200. There are also hundreds of bottles of liquors of every description and scores of other articles to be sold there for the ben-

The New Year crowd is arriving in force. Rooms reserved several weeks ago are being claimed at the beach front hotels, and exchanges and parlors are crowded. There are many New Englanders, New Yorkers, Philadelphians, Pittsburgers, Baltimoreans and Washingtonians here, while quite a number of Canadians will also partake of their New Year dinner in Atlantic City. The proposition to abolish eight memb of the city council and reduce that body from seventeen to nine members has become a serious movement. Commodore Louis Kuehnle and others influential in local politics have given it their tacit ap-proval if not active indersement, and it is now believed the fight is not a hopeless

one.
Figures from the building inspector's ofdegree. Every year the lodge celebrates the fice disprove the general supposition that birthday of this venerable member, who there has been less building here this year

in all of the city churches during the holidays by augmented choirs. At, St. Nicholas' Roman Catholic Church the children's choir of 177 voices sang. Sacred music was the rule at the Brighton Casino concerts.

Nearly all of the beach front hotels reflect in perior explange and smoking room.

flect in parlor, exchange and smoking room the spirit of the holiday season. Ropes of laurel and sprigs of red-berried holly are liberally displayed. In many of the most fashionable of the hotels immense Christnas trees have afforded no end of delight

for the juvenile guests, while a mutual exchange of gifts among long term sojourners brightened the hearts of many.

That Mayor Stoy's successor, to be selected from a field of excellent timber next fall, shall serve at a salary of \$2,000 in-stead of the \$4,000 compensation now provided is the point of the latest move in civic agitation. Prior to council's action in amending the salary bill, just before Mayor Stoy began his third term, the mayor's office was worth \$1,000 per annum. It was conceded to be too small, and the propwas conceded to be too small, and the proposition to increase it met with no opposition. The city has never, however, quite abandoned the conclusion that the city council overdid the matter when, by an amendment on the final reading of the salary measure, it provided \$4,000 for the mayoralty office instead of \$2,000 or \$2,500. mayoralty office instead of \$2,000 or \$2,500, which the average citizen believes to be

Under orders just promulgated in Wash-ington by the head of the life-saving servce, the Atlantic seaboard is to be more thoroughly patrolled during the night as a consequence of several recent marine disasters along the coast. Three men are to be on patrol constantly, and the number of tours required heretofore will be dou-bled. Lokouts are to be kept on duty all night in the watch towers, and station eepers will remain on active duty until 10 p.m. instead of 7:30, as in the past. The following residents of Washington are registered at leading Atlantic City hotels: Traymore—Mrs. J. A. Miles, J. Shongood, . H. Rothschilds, Mrs. J. S. Wills, W. Mc-

Belmont-Lieutenant and Mrs. J. D. Maon, Miss Mahon. Jackson-J. F. McDonough, John Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, Frank P. Smith. Altamont-G. E. Slaybough, Mrs. J. D. Hoskins, Mrs. T. L. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clarke, Miss M. C. Wolman. Palmer-William Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. William Staret.

Holmhurst-James H. Hayden, R. C. Hayden, Mrs. R. Taylor. Marlborough House-Mrs. J. B. Edmonds, Mrs. Westebrook, Mrs. N. E. Feally, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Tambert, R. Muller, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rudolf, Mr. and Mrs. A. H.

Seaside House-Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Henderson, G. A. Eppley.
Chetwoode—M. W. Michael, H. Herald.
Grand Atlantic—H. Powell Holliday, Mr.
and Mrs. Warren R. Choate, Mrs. H. D. Hammersley.

St. Charles-Mrs. M. Hodge, Miss Heely, Harry H. McKee. Wiltshire—Dr. and Mrs. O. McKennie, George W. Stokes.

Morton-H. T. Jackson, F. V. Brooks. Haddon Hall-Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Todd. Archdale-G. A. Summerville, L. P. Botcher, C. N. Summerville, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ashfield. Chalfonte-H. Munroe, H. C. McKinley,

Clarendon-Mrs. S. Elsma, Miss Dunnel-Strand-Arthur W. Bloom, A. V. McNalbeville—Mrs. E. M. Davis, Dr. Wain-wright, Mrs. J. C. Nicholson. Scarborough—N. J. Holland. Rudolf—Mr. and Mrs. H. Wolf.

St. Charles-Mrs. M. Hodges, Miss Held Raleigh-F. C. O'Connell. Revere-Miss F. K. Fav. Young's-John W. Parsons, Dennis-Mrs. D. M. Corwin, Miss Corwin. Abby-Mrs. Griffith, Miss Griffith. Glendale-Mrs. E. W. Thompson.

Healthy College Girls.

From the New York Sun. Some ancient men can remember a cer tain comic, but by no means simulated, fear and wonder with which they regarded the graduate of the woman's college. Superior she must be, but wouldn't she be too intel-Syracustans Lodge, No. 10, K. P., has disdainfully from sharp-eyed spectacles at man, petty man? Was she equal to those severe studies of which men folks are so enamored in their undergraduate days? Wouldn't she break down and become a limp, anaemic and shambling thing, somewhat like the old-fashioned theological "pill," with his shawl, his cough, his nerves and his goloshes? Wise heads rattled like peas in a dried pod and shook ominously. "Exemple education was desirable but could

he poor weak creatures stand it?" Now, when the women's colleges are many and mighty, their graduates numbered by thousands, the folly of those old fears is as absurd as most of us are. The college girl, brimming with health, bright with intelligence, possesses the land. As a Bryn Mawr singer hath it:

'She runs, she rows, she basket balls, she tennises, she skates,
She golfs, she rides, she fences, slides, she's taller
than her mates,
Poor little men, her mates!"

Compared with undergraduate "men," her superior intelligence, her lack of that veali-ness which is apt to linger long with the trousered collegians, is noticeable. Not only does she stick to her books better, but her physical training is more uniform and not characterized by excess. In the boys' colleges you find a number of beefy and hulking persons, some of them mighty near the professional line, who are the gladiators of their college, and encouraged in their games, a most stupid and often heartbreaking form of work, by vast crowds of indeveloped lads who exercise their voices while the other fellows exercise their

Alfons Mucha and His Work. From the Century.

In his studio at No. 6 Rue du Val-de-Grace, which with its tapestries and the swinging censer suggests a secular sanctuary, Alfons Mucha is now working on a series of decorations for the Assumptionist Church of the Virgin in Jerusalem, and also on certain compositions depicting symbolically "The Seven Deadly Sins." He has renounced the poster, and is devoting his maturer powers to subjects possessing more enduring significance. The roses and clematis which lead toward the studio door and the blossoms clustering in jars about the room itself show his abiding love for flowers. The cartoons for the church in Jerusalem typify his perpetual theme—the glorification of woman. His art is a sumpuous art, floral, astral, feminine; it reflects with tender nonchalance the fluid

beckons toward a dim, enigmatic future. Where the Conductor Erred.

beauty of form and the delicately velled secrets of the soul. It personifies in its

every accent the new mysticism. It has

ned out of a rich, sensuous past, and it

From the Detroit Times. William O. Gonser of Montcalm, insane and in charge of officers, while being taken t) the Travers City Asylum, broke both the shutters of the car window and the window itself by butting with his head in efforts to

The conductor came along, saw the wreck of the window, and inquired who did it An officer explained that it was their ward. who was crazy. The man with the tinsel on his cap looked at the prisoner and re-marked: "He is clean gone, sir," "You are mistaken as to his first name," an-swered the deputy. "He is William Gon-The conductor apologized and passed

Artistically Starving Australia. From the Sydney Telegraph.

And in this matter those who have noted the relatively important part which art plays in the lives of the people of European countries, and the relatively unimportant part which it plays in the lives of the people of Australia, will be ready to en-courage that natural desire for artistic pleasure which in Australia is half-starved for lack of sustenance.

Between Two Fires. From the Louisville Courier-Journal,

First Commuter - "Let's slide into the next car. Here comes Noowed, and he's just got his first baby." Second Commuter-"I'd rather stay have. Gogglebat is in the next car, and he's just

got his first automobile.

Modern Customs Call for Other Celebrations.

GHASTLY AND GHOSTLY

CHICAGO PARTY AND ITS SPECIAL FEATURES.

The Game of "Creeps" and How to Carry It Out-Other Hints.

The problem of how to spend New Year day is a more serious one than it was few years ago. Then it was a simple matter for the young ladies to remain at home, while the young gentlemen, attired in their best, called to extend good wishes for the new year. But now by general accord it as Convention Hall, and, what is more reis regarded as bad form to pay visits on the first day of January.

New Year has none of the religious atmosphere which pervaded the Christmas; it is merely a holiday which happens to be his forelock and halting between reluctant, the beginning of an artificial period of time | though well-chosen, phrases, is the man fixed by man. The formal calling was a who, in the face of every discouragement, pleasant and, it must be admitted, an ap- demonstrated that Mrs. Leslie Carter was propriate recognition of the significance of not only an actress, but a great one; who the holiday. But now that this has been established himself in a theater in New done away with and there has been offered | York in defiance of competition which had no satisfactory substitute hostesses are casting about for some pleasant way in who has finally succeeded in making Conwhich to spend the day. The decadence of vention Hall answer the purposes of a mod-New Year as a calling day has had the excellent effect of causing families to regard it as an appropriate time for reunions, and intimate friends frequently hold informal cern the public very deeply. Theatrical gatherings. Trips to the city are indulged in by many persons living in rural communities, and nearly every household cele-brates the advent of the new year with games and simple home amusements as adjuncts to the stereotyped "Happy New Year.

martyrs in defeat. In fact, the "save us In the straining after appropriate enterfrom the trust" plea has been offered with tainments for New Year a great many more or less freakish efforts have been such business-like pathos by several promade. One of the most unique of last season was that of a Chicago lady, which she called a ghost party. Only intimate friends were invited, and the invitations were not ducers that its effect is dulled. Mr. James K. Hackett was at one time wont to make almost lachrymosely grateful speeches before the curtain of the Lafayette Theater, sent out until the morning of New Year day. The beauty of this entertainment is hailing its managing proprietor-E. D. Stair that it requires no preparation, as when the things mentioned as having been em-ployed are not to be had others equally ap-propriate will readily suggest themselves. of Detroit, Mich .- as the actor's friend and the one beacon light in the dramatic darkness which had fallen over the land. When Stair made a deal, however, which prevented attractions not in harmony with the

All Hair-Raisers.

At the Chicago ghost party all the decorations were of the hair raising variety. etcetera, interests from playing at the La-The invitations were sent out on square cards having a deep border of black, the regular thing used by persons in first dure was doubtless the prudent one, but it mourning. They read, "You are asked to meet the departing spirits of the year at a wraith reunion. These cards for obvious reasons were inclosed in white envelopes. The decorations for the ghostly party were a trifle troublesome and required a lot of thinking along rather gruesome lines, but they were not at all expensive. is not calculated to enlist sympathy with they were not at all expensive.

The astrologers tell us we are made un of three parts, one of spirit, one of earth and one of imagination; so all one had to do when evolving a party of this kind was to draw a big check upon the imagi-nation, which is easily honored everywhere. The hostess upon entering the home of this hostess on New Year eve found the hall draped in black and lighted very sparingly with candles. At the entrance to the drawlectual for nature's daily food? Wouldn't ing room were hung curtains of black-Over the door on a mount of silver paper in black was the announcement, "The Home of the Wraiths." Above this pla-card was a skull and crossbones, the arms of the spirits.

Stygian Gloom.

Upon parting the curtains a scene of stygian gloom was disclosed. Walls were hung with black, and to lighten up the surrounding horrors there were a weird moon and a few sickly stars cut from stiff paper. Behind them were blcycle candles. This semilight broke the gloom in the region of the ceiling. About the room was hung southern moss-the long, gray kind. From the chandelier swung an artificial spider. Over the floor, making anything but a bed of roses for the unwary foot tread, were artificial toads, spiders and uncomfortable specimens of this character. To add to the horrors, in one corner of the room was a table on which was an enormous snake made by coiling an old yellow and black drop light tube and adding a snake's head formed of paper. It sounds quite inoffensive, but when seen and enjoyed seeing you jump, he will in the gloom of its surroundings and placarded "Beware of the Python" the effect is quite alarming.

The real shivers of the evening began upon greeting the hostess, who was gowned your expense. in ghostly gray flowing draperies. As each guest greeted her a series of shrieks was heard, for her hand came off in the friendly grasp. No one stopped to consider that a wet glove filled with sawdust had been drawn up into the sleeve with the good hand.

Uncanny Gowns.

The games of the evening were as uncanny as the rest of the proceedings. In one part of the room was a witches' caldron presided over by the three witches who predicted the rise and fall of Macbeth. The caldron was nothing more than a large preserving kettle, under which were fagots. The light was obtained by burning alcohol sprinkled with salt. The witches stirred the boiling liquid in the pot, uttered incantations and as the guests bobbed up foretold what the new year had in store. These witches were selected with care, as much depended upon their thrilling

Another game of "creeps" was carried out in the following fashion: The company gathered about a large round table, and some one appointed for the task handed all kinds of shaky, shivery objects underneath it. These were passed from one guest to another. Objects that were used with good effect were a small piece of ice covered with sheepskin, a small fur muff, a wet sponge and a toy mouse just wound

Ghost story telling was part of the program, and each member of the party was asked to tell a story. When the second was interrupted by a visit from super-natural guests. Clothed in yards of float ing gray stuff, these visitants floated about until discovered by some of the party. They then disappeared as suddenly as they came upon the scene.

uniform at his hotel and their deep saluta-tions and submissive demeanor contained eloquent proof of the love and veneration At about 11:30 the guests were invited out to supper. In a corner of the darkened given by the people of Japan to those of the royal blood, as it is their belief that the emperor is an offspring of the sun, and dining room was spread a rather small table in the most shuddery manner. all his earthly relatives are supposed to be of more than mortal make.

Baked Funeral Meats. Worms and spiders worked by springs wandered about over the cloth, which was passage to the flowery lands where all the

bore the inscription, "Baked funeral meats." Just as things were getting rather to intense and the spookiness too spooky a peal of bells broke the spell. Light flooded the room and disclosed a beautiful supper

a pall of funeral black, and large dishes

table gay and bright in its appointments. The hostess then announced a truce to the old war of spirits and a goodby to her guests. The second table was as attractive and as optimistic in treatmen', as the other was depressing.

The decorations were carried out with

New Year bells arranged on rustic arched centerpieces made of twigs trimmed with holly and mistletoe, which should appear as if growing from a bank of scarlet euphorbia, scarlet carnations and lilies of the valley. All of these things can be made from the Christmas "left overs."

The large English lantern shown in the illustration was fastened at the entrance of the room in some conspicuous position and formed a novel and beautiful decoration. A table less elaborately decorated would be quite as effective.

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French wine merchants may be expected to protest strenuously against the decision.

The actual of the decision of the fact that the eight girls, instead of following the usual chorus girl precedent during the long run of "Piff, Paff, Pouf" in New York formed a company that the National Theater for one week, beginning with a New Year matines on Saturday.



ern play house. The merits of Mr. Belas-

his professional enmities will hardly con-

managers are, or ought to be, plain, sen-

sible folk, with no time for drawing room

poses or perfumed compliments. They

should be neither heroes in success nor

Klaw & Erlanger, Nixon & Zimmerman,

fayette, Mr. Hackett went docilely where

he was bidden, his eloquence stilled, but his

plumage unruffled. Mr. Hackett's proce-

Mr. Belasco's footing is a different and

a common-sense one. His previous pro-

ductions are such as to claim almost un-

forth. He leaves nothing undone that is

in his power to secure a good play and a

fine presentation of it, and the public

crowds the auditorium, not because it loves

Belasco or hates anybody else, but be-

cause it knows his plays of old and likes

"Adrea" has played to exceedingly large

business, and Mrs. Carter has received an

ovation at each performance. It is gloomy:

but a cheerful tragery is not among the

For years and years Mr. William Crane

has brought sunshine along with him by

impersonating middle-aged gentlemen with

kind hearts and ill-fitting trousers. He

was like the good uncle that the young peo-

people. After he has said "boo" at you

doubtless reappear as the smiling and win-

join in the laugh he has been having at

Augustus Thomas' latest play, "The

sporting slang which is picturesquely and

naturally introduced by Lionel Barrymore

as a prize fighter. Mr. Thomas, in follow-

ing the present furore for dramatized slang,

fails to conceal the fact that he is at heart

a playwright, and his farce fairly bristles

with "problems" which would make an-

other "Sowing the Wind" if Mr. Thomas

had not been under contract to be funny.

A PRINCE'S CONDESCENSION.-The

Imperial Japanese Guards, who will

exhibit Japanese methods of warfare at

Chase's next week, were granted an

audience while in New York city re-

cently by Prince Fushimi, who had

just reached there after his event-

ful visit to President Roosevelt and the

Japanese as evidenced in the pending con-

The ancient religion of Japan, Shinto worship, teaches that death in the service

old two-sword men of the sun flag are

Fearlessness of death, indeed the desire to embrace it, has had much to do with

the desperate and valorous character of the

Japanese in battle with the Russians. Death rather than defeat, surrender or

"PONY BALLET."-The famous "pony

ballet" of "Piff, Paff, Pouf" is composed of

eight English girls, whose ages range from

sixteen to twenty-one, and who were edu-

cated in the London school of ballet. The

rigorous discipline of the school, the plain

fare and the methods of economy taught

gathered.

present possibilities of the drama.

them.

limited public confidence in what he puts

other demonstrations of the same kind.

co's quarrels and the justice or injustice of



being able to save about half their respective salaries every week.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Columbia Theater. The Columbia Theater will offer as its first attraction for the year 1905 a merry production, described as a "musical cocktail," and entitled "Piff, Paff, Pouf." That clever song writer, Mr. Jerome, has provided an abundance of catchy lyrics, and it has a record of eight months at the Casino in New York, which, notwithstanding the enormous competition that has arisen in that style of production, still retains much of its old-time prestige as a home of ex-

travaganza. The company includes Eddie Foy, Alice Fischer, Robert Graham, Vinie



ALICE FISCHER.

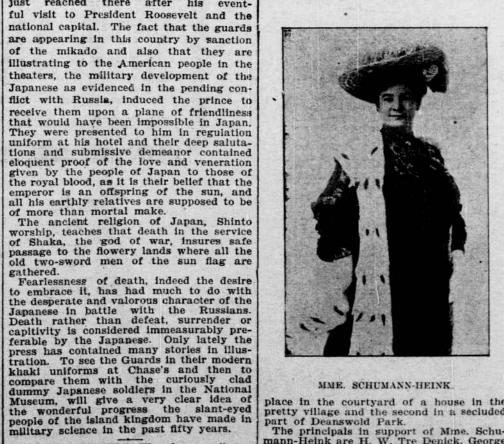
ple learn to look forward to as the next best visitor to Santa Claus. But it looks Daly and numerous others of vocal or comic as if Uncle William had decided on a little reputation. The management advertises practical joke, and were having a good twenty big song hits. Among the incidental chuckle at the discomfiture of his friends. features are the original English pony ballet and the radium dance. "Piff, Paff, Pouf" will be welcomed by the play-goer In "Business is Business" he gives them a shock that is as severe as it is unexpected. who pines for musical diversion. Eddie Foy as a musical comedy clown is always He has transformed himself into an entireeffective, and the other principal entertainers are well-known people. Matinees will ly horrid person and is producing consterers are well-known people. nation among those who do not read the be given on Monday, Thursday and Saturpapers and who go to see Crane this year day. expecting to be amused. Of course it is only his little pleasantry. Cheer up young

New National Theater.

Fun set to grand opera music and interpreted by grand opera singers was the aim in the production which will next week some Uncle William of old, and make you display Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink at the New National Theater. Mme. Schumann-Heink's successes in grand opera and concert have been matters of record, al-though Washington is as yet unfamiliar Other Girl," is far away from the dramatic work which won him substantial reputation. Its humor depends chiefly on the concerts slang which is picturesquely and though washington is as yet unfamiliate with her powers as a comedienne and a comic opera artist. The music of "Love's Lottery" is by Julian Edwards. In her concerts for years Mme. Schumann-Heink has always sung an Edwards song or two fitted to German, French or Italian words. If she did not have one on the printed programs, because the concert managers demanded songs from the classic grand operas, she would manage to introduce one or two when she responded to encores. Mr. Edwards will be here in person to conduct the orchestra during the engagement. Members of the famous Metropolitan Opera Fortunately the laughs are so constant that few people stop long enough to observe the incongruity.

House orchestra, who are to play with "Love's Lottery" during the Schumann-Heink season, will be brought to this city. The production is new, a number of the costumes of Mme Schumann-Heink and other principals having been made in Paris and London. Stanislaus Stange is the author of the book of "Love's Lottery."
"Love's Lottery" is placed on the morn-

ing and afternoon of an early summer day in the village of Deanswold, England, in the time of George III, about the year 1818. It is divided into two acts, the first taking



MME SCHUMANN-HEINK place in the courtyard of a house in the

pretty village and the second in a secluded part of Deanswold Park.

The principals in support of Mine. Schumann-Heink are H. W. Tre Denick, George L. Tallman, W. H. Thompson, Miss Louise Gunning, Delight Barsch, John Slavin, George Head, Tekla Farm, Grace D'Au-bigne, Margaret Crawford, Elona Leonard, Wilfred Thompson, William Meyer, Walter Paschal and Lionel Robsarte. Mme. Schumann-Heink and her company will appear at the National Theater for one

DRAMA

Symphony Concert.

The third symphony concert by the Washington Symphony Orchestra, Regnald de Koven, conductor, will occur week after next at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, January 13, and Eugene D'Albert. the great planist, will be the soloist presented. It will be Mr. D'Albert's first appearance here in a number of years, and probably his last for a longer period. In view of this it is very likely that the con-cert will be of a quality in proportion never before attained in the symphony

Popular Concert.

Tomorrow night, at Chase's, the Washington Symphony Orchestra, Reginald de Koven, conductor, will resume the series of popular Sunday night concerts. The soloist of the occasion will be Miss Francis Thomas, soprano. The sale of reserved seats opens at the box office at 1 p.m. tomorrow. The orchestra's program in full

is as follows: Coronation March, Myerbeer; selection, "The Brigands," Offenbach; (a) Dragon Fly. Strauss; (b) Loin du Bal, Gillet; Ride of the Walkures, Wagner; overture, Mignon, Thomas; serenade for strings, Fierne; waltz, l'Estudiante, Waldteufel; march, Tannhauser, Wagner,

Creatore.

The famous and always popular bandmaster Creatore will appear at the Columbia Theater on Sunday night, January 8, in a program which will introduce selections displaying new resources of this efficient and versatile organization.

"Sweet Kitty Bellairs."

David Belasco will next week present Henrietta Crosman in "Sweet Kitty Bellairs" at Convention Hall, Miss Crosman for two seasons, since her pleasant reception in Washington, has achieved the artistic and financial success of her career in her delightful portrayal of Mistress Kitty. She is a comedienne of extraordinary powers and as the vivacious Irish beauty, with a touch of the brogue on her tongue and more than a touch of the Irish temper in her keen humor, has captivated many audi-

The play is founded on Egerton Castle's "The Bath Comedy." Miss Crosman as Mistress Kitty Bellairs, the young widow and reigning belle of Bath, has the star part and opportunities are afforded in plenty for the exercise of her talent. While comedy is the prevailing spirit of the play



HENRIETTA CROSMAN.

now and then there is some very serious work and Miss Crosman makes the most of it. The story tells of the gay and brilliant life at Bath in the eighteenth century and is filled with the dashing red-coated officers of King George III, their daring flirtations and doings. The plot hinges upon a mid-night visit paid by Mistress Kitty to the lodgings of her lover, Lord Verney, a lieu-tenant in the 51st Regiment, in the hope of preventing him from fighting a duel with the husband of Lady Standish, who has become wildly jealous of an unknown red-headed man, who sent a lock of his hair to his wife. The auburn locks of Lord Verney convince Sir Jasper that he is the betrayer of his home and the challenge follows. While Mistress Kitty is in he er's rooms, accompanied by Lady Standish, Sir Jaspar and a crowd of officers of the regiment file into the house in hilarious condition. Mistress Kitty and Lady Standish fly to cover in Lord Verney's bed, but later Kitty boldly confronts a roomful of men and risks her reputation to save that of her friend. The play ends with Lord Verney marching off to war with his regiment, while Mistress Kitty waves him fare-well in the pouring rain, which is said to be the most realistic rain storm ever shown on the stage. This particular feature was never shown in Washington. Only one matinee will be given and that on Saturday

Chase's Theater. Chase's Theater will commence the New

Year at the holiday matinee next week with a polite vaudeville program comprising the Imperial Japanese Guards, La Troupe Carmen, Smith and Cook, Janet Melville and Evie Stetson, Ten Brooke, Lambert and company, Josephine Gassman, La Tell Brothers and the motion pictures of picturesque scenes in sunny Italy. The Imperial Japanese Guards, numbering twenty, rank and file, are a recent importation, and in view of the interest the American people have evidenced in the Japanese side of the present war in the far east, they are naturally proving a big attraction. They are said to be sea-soned soldiers of the mikado's army, and display the qualities that have made the Japanese a formidable antagonist. They birthday of this venerable member, who was its first master,

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